

SOCIAL WORK FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Description of the Fellowship

The Post-MSW Fellowship in Social Work is a four-day, 28-hour a week position, starting mid-September and ending one year later. The aim of the Fellowship is to provide advanced training in theory and practice, and, to that end, we aim to integrate theoretical learning and clinical practice. The Fellow is supervised by a Child and Family Therapist who holds a Master of Social Work degree and has extensive training in children's mental health.

You will be working in our Outpatient Department with families of children between the ages of 0 and 18. There is a primary focus on family therapy and an opportunity for specialization with families whose children are at a particular developmental age i.e., infancy, latency-aged, or adolescents or, to a certain extent, with certain populations, such as children with anxiety or families in conflict. Fellows carry their own caseload of approximately 10 cases and receive supervision.

The Fellow will also receive live supervision from staff on several teams at the Centre. Live supervision involves seeing a family with a supervisor behind a one-way mirror with the use of an ear-piece and typically involves an inter-disciplinary team of trainees. In the case of remote treatment, the supervisor would be present on the same Zoom call, with camera and audio off and providing support through chat or through a phone call. The Fellow will be a member of an assessment team led by staff psychiatrist, psychologist or social worker who will provide an opportunity to become familiar with different theoretical models used in psychiatry and psychology during assessment and treatment. The fellow will also receive live supervision from a Child and Family Therapist on a live family therapy team.

The Fellowship offers the opportunity to explore working with a variety of different theoretical models used in family and individual therapy. Some of these include Postmodern (Narrative), Systemic, Solution-focused, Dialectical Behavioural Therapy, Psychodynamic, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Emotion-Focused Family Therapy and Trauma Focused Therapies. Weekly seminars provide an opportunity to view clinical practice using different theoretical perspectives.

Another area of potential focus within the Fellowship is the area of group therapy. This would include live supervision in group work as well as co-leading groups.

Successful completion requires the submission of an academic paper at the end of the Fellowship. This can be based on an area of clinical interest developed during the Fellowship and there may be some opportunity for publication. This portion of the Fellowship is supported by Dr. Ellen Katz, Professor in Social Work from the University of Toronto.

Further, the Fellow will be required to develop a systems perspective of other programs run both within and outside of the agency. The Fellow must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to follow the professional standards required by the agency.

Funding is provided through a salary of \$30,000 from the Treatment Centre.

Application Requirements

Applicants to the Fellowship should include in their cover letter, a description of the areas of focus for their Fellowship year. This may include a theoretical, clinical and/or substantive focus. For example, applicants in the past have used their Fellowship year to explore gaining greater competence in: narrative therapy, in working with families in which children were transitioning into adolescence or into latency, in integrating psychodynamic and postmodern therapies, working with children with internalizing or externalizing issues. Applicants should also include their Curriculum Vitae. Please note there is no formal application form. Your cover letter and Curriculum Vitae will suffice.

The deadline for application is Monday, May 31st, 2021.

Please send your information to:

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